



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Scattered Showers Provide Minor Benefit to Mature Crops

Data tables reflect the week ending: **September 14, 2014**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Mature	96	90	84	91
Corn Harvested	50	31	25	44
Cotton Bolls Opening	41	27	25	46
Soybeans Setting Pods	95	92	79	91
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	45	33	13	28
Soybeans Harvested	2	N/A	N/A	2
N/A =Not Available				

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	3	14	56	27
Cotton	1	10	35	49	5
Peanuts	1	19	43	30	7
Soybeans	0	2	26	59	13
Livestock	1	8	22	60	9
Pasture & Range	5	16	32	40	7

### SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	19	16	10
Short	28	35	24
Adequate	51	47	60
Surplus	2	2	6

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	18	17	N/A
Short	34	36	N/A
Adequate	47	46	N/A
Surplus	1	1	N/A

**GENERAL:** According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 14, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.01 inches in

Huntsville to 2.99 inches in Mobile. Average mean temperatures ranged from 76.0°F in Muscle Shoals to 82.3°F in Montgomery.

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

Recent rainfall should help double crop soybeans. Cotton was starting to open, and corn harvest should be in full swing this week. - **Tim Malone, FSA CED, Marion and Winston County**

Widely scattered showers throughout the region provided much needed moisture to some crops. - **Henry Dorough, ACES REA, Blount, Calhoun, Marshall, St. Clair, and Jefferson Counties.**

Although spotty afternoon showers were received, most areas in Perry County were dry. - **Marie Headley, FSA CED, Bibb and Perry County**

Dry conditions persisted throughout the region as fescue needs to start growing. Some producers were beginning to plant winter grazing with limited moisture. There were reports of armyworms, and cattle were beginning to calf for fall producers.

- **Jack Tatum, ACES REA, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Shelby, Tallapoosa, and Talladega Counties.**

Rain was needed to fill out late, maturing soybeans. Cotton harvest is right around the corner. - **Don Moore, Director of AL Experiment Station**

Some of Monroe County received a couple of inches of rain this week, which improved the conditions of peanuts. There were some reports of producers digging peanuts, and pastures remained dry. - **Karen McDonald-Minor, FSA CED, Monroe County**

Some areas received rainfall while others did not. Producers were still cutting hay around the county. - **Charles Simon, ACES CES, Covington County**

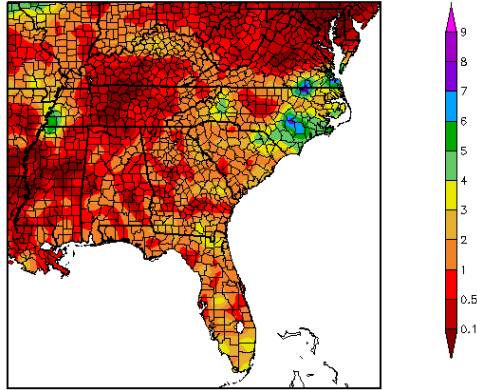
Henry County received some spotted rainfall. Peanut harvest was about to begin, and some small grains for grazing were planted. - **James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, Henry County**

Another week gone and less optimism on this year dry land yields. Scattered rains fell in some areas but not enough to positively affect mature crops. The need for rain has also slowed the harvesting of peanuts. - **Willie Durr, ACES CEC, Houston County**

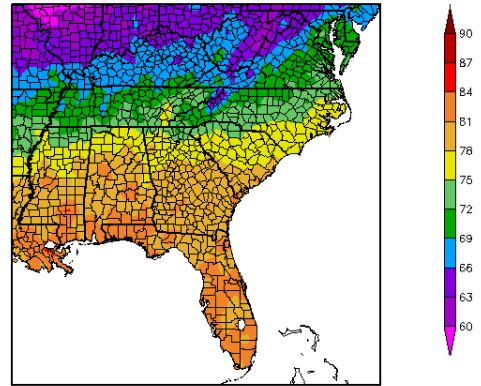
## Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)  
9/8/2014 - 9/14/2014



Temperature (F)  
9/8/2014 - 9/14/2014



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## U.S. Drought Monitor – September 9, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<a href="#">2014-09-09</a>	36.26	63.74	10.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week	<a href="#">2014-09-02</a>	34.99	65.01	10.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	<a href="#">2014-06-10</a>	95.02	4.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	<a href="#">2013-12-31</a>	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	<a href="#">2013-10-01</a>	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	<a href="#">2013-09-10</a>	98.12	1.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Population Affected by Drought: **798,485**

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### Intensity:

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<span style="background-color: orange; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> D1 - Moderate Drought	<span style="background-color: darkred; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> D4 - Exceptional Drought
<span style="background-color: darkorange; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> D2 - Severe Drought	

